

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 22, 2009, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 remain in this application, where claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice and claim 7-8 have been added. claims 1 and 6 are independent.

By means of the present amendment, the drawings have been amended to include reference numeral 31 in FIG 3, in conformance with the specification, such as page 4, line 7. A replacement sheet including FIG 3 is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes.

In the Office Action, claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In response, claim 6 has been amended for better clarity and conformance with the specification, such as page 4, lines 7-18. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection of

claim 6 has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 3,213,398 (Marton). Applicant respectfully traverses and submits that claims 1-4 and 6-8, as amended, are patentable over Marton for at least the following reasons.

Marton is directed to an induction voltage regulator having a moving coil 5 that moves vertically within an air gap 4, as shown in FIGs 1-2 and described on column 2, lines 14-33. The Marton regulator further includes upper and lower stationary main coils 6a, 6b, and a magnetically conducting core having a central leg 1 and outer legs 2', 2".

It is respectfully submitted that Marton does not disclose or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein the core comprises a middle leg, two outer legs, and at least one bridge connecting the two outer legs, the two outer legs and the at least one bridge being located around the two coils and the

middle leg extending through the primary coil and the secondary coil.

A core having a middle leg, two outer legs, and at least one bridge connecting the two outer legs, where the two outer legs and the at least one bridge are located around the two coils and the middle leg extends through the primary coil and the secondary coil, is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Marton.

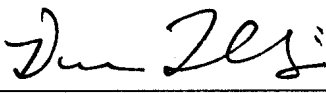
Further, Marton does not disclose or suggest that "the secondary coil can further be moved in relation to the primary coil in at least a direction that extends transversely to the travel direction," as recited in independent claim 6. Rather, the Marton moving coil 5 moves in only one direction, namely vertically within an air gap 4.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1 and 6 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4 and 6-8 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 6 as well as their individually patentable elements. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement drawing sheet (1 sheet including FIG 3)

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